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Note that indexes for Edmonton and for Calgary have been released separately and they are not seasonally adjusted. Additionally, a consumer price index for a particular regional city measures the movements in prices faced by consumers in the specific city. Thus, consumer price indexes for regional cities cannot be used to compare levels of price between cities. Finally, only Edmonton and Calgary data were released in the Edmonton-Calgary region to the exclusion of all other regional cities. This is an economy measure by Statistics Canada.

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities during March with increases ranging from 0.2% in Vancouver to 1.1% in St. John's. Food indexes increased in six cities and declined in eight others. In most centres surveyed, lower prices were recorded for beef, eggs, and fresh vegetables. Quotations were generally higher for dairy, bakery and cereal products, pork, fresh fruit, beverages and food eaten away from home. Housing components rose in all cities mainly in response to increased shelter costs along with higher prices for fuel oil, appliances (including appliance repairs), furniture, and household supplies. Clothing indexes increased in all cities as higher charges were recorded for clothing services along with price increases for footwear and outerwear. Transportation indexes rose in all cities mainly in response to higher prices for new cars and gasoline. Health and personal care components increased in thirteen cities and were unchanged in one other,

reflecting higher prices for pharmaceuticals and personal care supplies. Recreation, education and reading indexes rose in thirteen cities and declined in one other mainly in response to higher television repair charges and scattered price increases for television sets and phonograph records. Tobacco and alcohol components increased in eleven cities, declined in one and were unchanged in two others in response to generally higher prices for tobacco products.

In Edmonton, the All-items index rose by 0.5% from February to March 1975, and by 10.9% from March 1974 to March 1975.

The food index declined 0.4% with lower prices for bakery and cereal products, beef, poultry, eggs and sugar. Higher quotations were registered for dairy products, pork, fresh produce and beverages, similar to most other regions. Housing rose 1.0% mainly in response to increased shelter costs and domestic electricity rates along with higher prices for appliances and household supplies. The clothing index increased 0.9% as prices rose for men's outerwear, footwear, and clothing services. Increased prices for new cars, gasoline and motor oil contributed to a 0.5% rise in transportation. The recreation, education and reading component rose 0.5% in response to higher prices for television sets and increased television repair charges. A 1.1% advance in the tobacco and alcohol index was attributable to increased prices for tobacco products. The health and personal care component moved up 0.3%.

TABLE 1

Consumer Price Indexes for Edmonton

Main Groups and Selected Components, Not Seasonally Adjusted

(1961=100 unless otherwise noted)

	Indexes	Per cent change	
	March 1975	March 1975 from	
		Feb. 1975	Mar. 1974
All-items	167.0	0.5	10.9
Food	196.1	-0.4	11.4
Food for home consumption	188.8	-0.5	11.1
Dairy products (incl. butter)	194.6	0.9	30.4
Cereals and bakery products	192.9	-1.3	25.4
Fats and oils (excl. butter)	187.3	-4.5	29.3
Meat, poultry and fish	195.3	-3.2	- 8.1
Eggs	184.4	-2.9	1.4
Fruits and vegetables (1)	123.9	5.9	19.6
Frozen food (1)	126.9	-1.2	10.4
Prepared and part. prep. dishes and snacks (1)	138.6	5.5	18.0
Other food (1)	172.2	-2.6	33.4
Beverages (1)	142.9	1.4	31.7
Food away from home	258.0	-0.1	12.5
Housing	148.5	1.0	10.3
Shelter	145.4	0.6	8.6
Household operation	153.5	1.6	13.0
Clothing	161.1	0.9	8.9
Women's wear	156.4	0.6	6.5
Men's wear	163.3	1.1	9.3
Children's wear	140.2	0.0	13.0
Footwear	179.5	0.1	5.0
Piece goods and notions	137.1	-0.1	9.0
Clothing services	182.7	5.6	18.6
Transportation	159.8	0.5	13.4
Private transportation	153.9	0.6	14.3
Public transportation (1)	113.3	0.1	9.2
Health and personal care	188.6	0.3	11.1
Recreation, education and reading	170.6	0.5	10.1
Tobacco and alcohol	150.8	1.1	11.5

(1) April 1973=100.

In Calgary, the All-items index rose by 0.4% from February to March 1975, and by 11.5% from March 1974 to March 1975.

The food index declined 0.1% during the latest month. Quotations were lower for beef, poultry and sugar, outweighing higher prices for pork, eggs, fresh produce and restaurant meals. Housing moved up 0.5% mainly in response to increased shelter costs and higher prices for appliances and household supplies. The clothing index rose 0.5% with higher prices for women's footwear and increased charges for laundry and dry cleaning. Higher prices for new cars, gasoline and motor oil contributed to a 0.5% rise in transportation. The health and personal care component moved up 0.6% in response to higher prices for toiletries, while the tobacco and alcohol index advanced 2.0% because of increased prices for tobacco products. The recreation, education and reading component decreased 0.5% with lower prices for some home entertainment items.

Although the general increase in the CPI was greater in Edmonton, the two regional cities followed similar patterns.

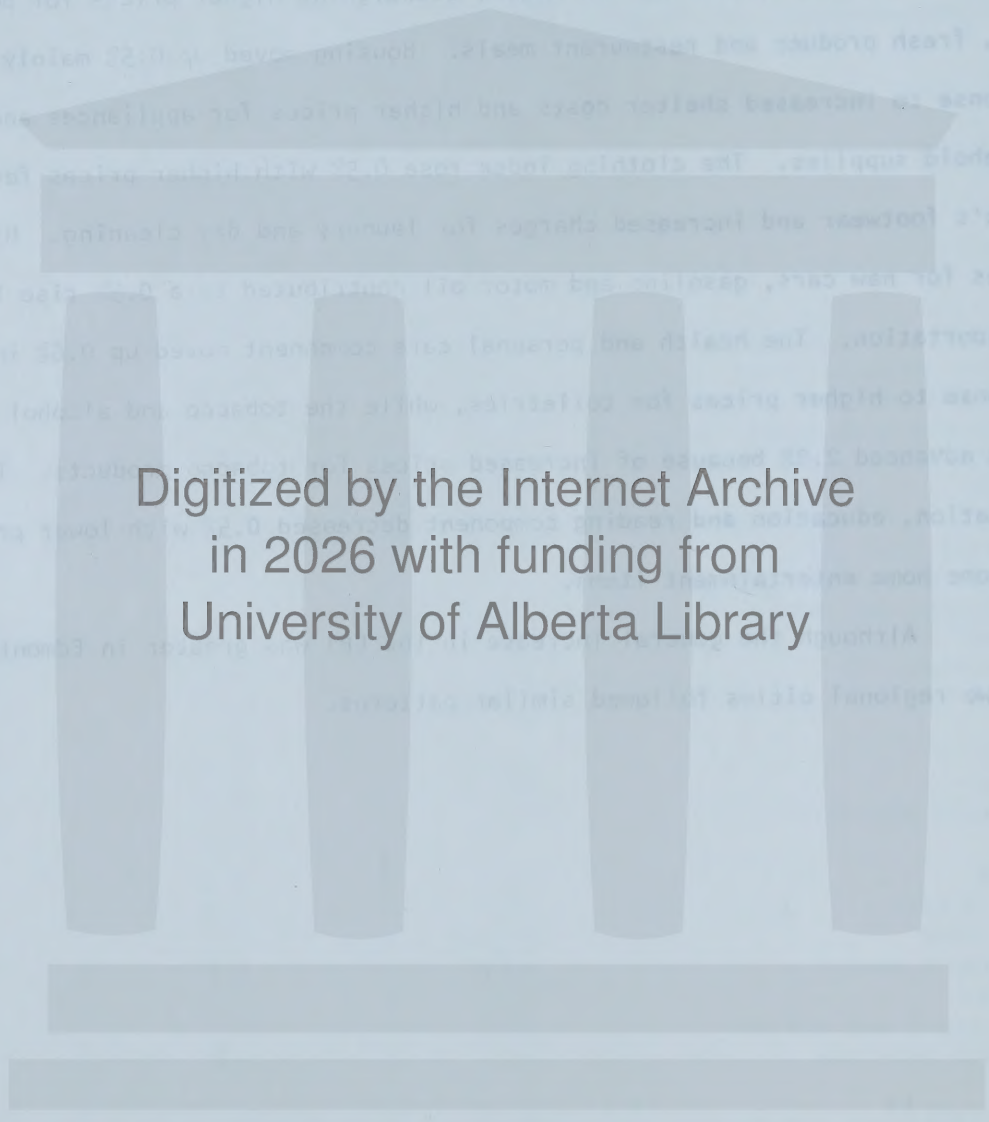

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TABLE 2

Consumer Price Indexes for Calgary
Main Groups and Selected Components, Not Seasonally Adjusted
(1961=100 unless otherwise noted)

	Indexes	Per cent change	
		March 1975 from	
		Feb. 1975	Mar. 1974
All-items	167.9	0.4	11.5
Food	203.8	-0.1	12.5
Food for home consumption	197.3	-0.6	11.8
Dairy products (incl. butter)	195.3	0.2	22.5
Cereals and bakery products	199.8	1.4	26.0
Fats and oils (excl. butter)	214.2	-1.1	43.7
Meal, poultry and fish	206.8	-2.9	- 8.1
Eggs	188.1	1.8	3.8
Fruits and vegetables (1)	125.5	0.7	18.3
Frozen food (1)	135.1	2.0	18.4
Prepared and part prep. dishes and snacks	147.0	2.1	22.2
Other food (1)	183.3	-0.4	39.5
Beverages (1)	141.0	0.5	26.6
Food away from home	254.3	1.7	15.7
Housing	148.8	0.5	10.8
Shelter	149.6	0.6	10.1
Household operation	149.0	0.5	11.9
Clothing	163.1	0.6	9.5
Women's wear	160.5	0.0	8.2
Men's wear	164.9	0.4	10.2
Children's wear	143.5	0.1	11.7
Footwear	181.0	0.4	8.4
Piece goods and notions	136.9	0.0	10.5
Clothing services	168.7	4.4	11.6
Transportation	159.0	0.5	12.6
Private transportation	153.0	0.5	12.0
Public transportation (1)	122.0	0.1	15.7
Health and personal care	176.3	0.6	12.9
Recreation, education and reading	171.3	-0.5	10.6
Tobacco and alcohol	148.8	2.0	11.7

(1) April 1973=100.

TABLE 3

Consumer Price Index Changes for Edmonton, Calgary, and Canada, Main Groups, Not Seasonally Adjusted

(1961=100 unless otherwise noted)

	Edmonton		Calgary		Canada	
	% change Feb. 75 to Mar. 75	% change Mar. 74 to Mar. 75	% change Feb. 75 to Mar. 75	% change Mar. 74 to Mar. 75	% change Feb. 75 to Mar. 75	% change Mar. 74 to Mar. 75
All items	0.5	10.9	0.4	11.5	0.5	11.3
Food	-0.4	11.4	-0.1	12.5	-0.3	12.6
Housing	1.0	10.3	0.5	10.8	0.9	10.3
Clothing	0.9	8.9	0.6	9.5	1.2	7.9
Transportation	0.5	13.4	0.5	12.6	0.8	12.0
Health and Personal Care	0.3	11.1	0.6	12.9	0.4	11.8
Recreation, Education, and Reading	0.5	10.1	-0.5	10.6	0.7	12.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	1.1	11.5	2.0	11.7	0.7	13.0

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